

Greater Cincinnati Health Council Tristate Hospital Visitor Restrictions Talking Points

- Due to the presence of H1N1 in the Tristate, most Greater Cincinnati hospitals throughout Southwest Ohio, Southeast Indiana and Northern Kentucky will begin restricting visitors the week of September 21, 2009. The limited visitation policies are a precautionary measure, designed to ensure the safety of patients and health care workers.
- Visitor restrictions:
 - No visitation by anyone who is ill with any respiratory symptoms including coughing or fever, etc.
 - No visitation by anyone under age 14
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center restrictions limit visitation to parents and guardians only.
- Hospitals will provide both seasonal and H1N1 (when and if it becomes available) vaccines to hospital staff.
- Hospitals have put "respiratory etiquette" practices in place, including making alcohol hand gel, tissues and face masks available to patients and visitors in the Emergency Department and waiting rooms.
- To keep from spreading respiratory illnesses, including H1N1 to others, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends hand-washing, coughing and sneezing into a sleeve or a tissue, and staying home from work or school at least 24 hours after fever free (and seven days for health care workers).